Informational/Bulk Vote Items

Standard DT001-04.2 -- Operating System Critical Updates

Purpose: Minimize PC security vulnerabilities.

Summary of Changes: Changes were made to address critical updates on all PC operating systems. Previous versions of this standard were specific to Microsoft operating systems. Also changed the window of time to install these critical updates to 14 days, rather than 30 days.

Standard ST006-04.5 -- Access Control

Purpose: To establish login and password procedures for access to all servers, workstations, and network-attached devices (where applicable) thereby ensuring the reliability, accessibility, and security of such devices.

Summary of Changes: Changes were made to the wording of the standard so that "default authentication credentials" must be changed on all network attached devices and user IDs. This change was made to address default SNMP Community Strings (per the ManTech Audit).

Best Practice EGT-BP001 -- Web Development Best Practices

Purpose: To provide guidance during web development.

Summary of Changes: Added some wording regarding web forms and corrected some wording that used the @state.nd.us email addressing scheme rather than the current @nd.gov scheme. Also removed a line regarding "custom 404 error pages" that was moved to the standard.

Request for Exception to IT Standards -- Office of the Attorney General

This waiver request is to purchase a product called Orion the Hunter, which uses a backend database that is not on the current database standard (4D). This request has passed all previous levels of EA unanimously.

Items Requiring Individual Vote

Standard SST001-06.1 -- Server Operating Systems

Purpose: To provide a secure, stable, robust, cost effective infrastructure for the hosting of network based services such as email, file and print, databases, applications and hosting.

Summary of Changes: This is a new standard.

Standard EGT003-04.6 -- Web Development

Purpose: Create a common, compliant framework for development of accessible Web sites that support the function and mission of the entity while establishing a level of effectiveness, consistency and professionalism across the State of North Dakota Web sites.

Summary of Changes: Added the following to the standard..."Web sites shall have a customized 404 error page (page not found) with a consistent look and feel to the agency's website".

Standard AST001-04.4 -- Application Development Tools/Languages

Purpose: To set direction for application development, share knowledge, coordinate training, promote user groups and reduce cost of training and purchase of development tools/languages.

Summary of Changes: Made some minor changes to reflect product name changes. Also removed Sybase Powerbuilder, Oracle Reports, Computer Associates Librarian, and Oracle SCM from the list of tools for new applications.